

E. Paul Eckholm Receives Professional Certification

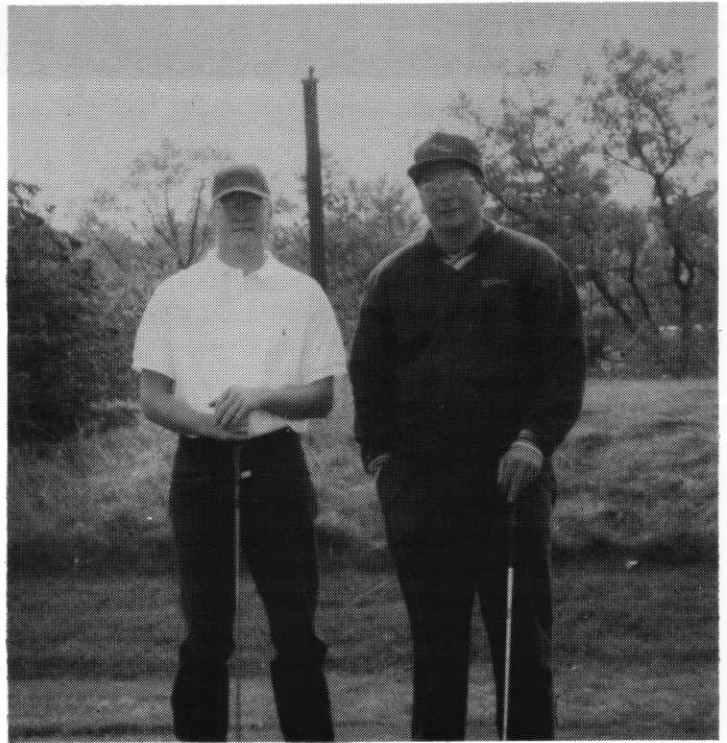
E. Paul Eckholm, superintendent at Heritage Links Golf Club, has been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Eckholm has been superintendent at the Lakeville, Minn., course since February, 1996.

GCSAA instituted the certification program in 1971 to recognize outstanding and progressive superintendents. More than 1,600 active GCSAA members currently hold "CGCS" status.

To become certified, a candidate must have five years' experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity and meet specific educational requirements of college credit or continuing education units. The candidate must then pass a rigorous six-hour examination covering knowledge of GCSAA and its certification program; the rules of golf; turfgrass management; pest management, safety and compliance, and financial and organizational management.

As part of the certification process, an on-site inspection of Eckholm's golf course operation was conducted by two certified golf course superintendents: Paul Diegnau, CGCS, at Keller Golf Course in Maplewood, Minn., and James Gardner, CGCS, at The Wilds Golf Club, Prior Lake, Minn.



HOSTS AT FOX HOLLOW were Assistant Superintendent Rob Hanson, left, and Head Superintendent Chuck Molinari.

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